

PROCLAMATION

EO 96-04

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE MURPHY COMMISSION, AND TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO WORK WITH THE MURPHY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Arkansas deserve constant critical evaluation of their State government, to insure the cost-effective delivery of services, and to insure that State employees have every possible means necessary to maximize their effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Murphy Commission, named for its Chairman, Madison Murphy of El Dorado, is comprised of more than one hundred of the State's leading business people and professionals, and is charged with developing recommendations to streamline our State government and to make it more cost-effective and citizen accountable; and

WHEREAS, the critical evaluation provided by the Murphy Commission will allow a non-partisan, independent group of citizens that are volunteering their time and effort to be directly involved in improving their government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order:

- 1. That all State offices, departments and agencies shall cooperate with and assist the Murphy Commission in its evaluation of State government, and in its development of recommendations to streamline state government and make it more cost-effective and citizen accountable.
- 2. That the Governor's Task Force on Excellence in Government is hereby created; this task force shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 3. The Governor's Task Force on Excellence in Government shall be charged with assisting the Murphy Commission in its review, and in providing the recommendations of the Murphy Commission to me for review and further action.

This Order shall become effective on July 16, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock on this 16th day of July in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-six.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST